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SUBJECT:AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH TO U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 4546 AND 4545

1. PROPOSED SPEECH IS AN EXCELLENT ONE. WE HAVE A FEW
SUGGESTED CHANGES TO INCORPORATE INTO IT.

A. PARA 2. LAST TWO SENTENCES. RATHER THAN "ECONOMIC
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CONFLICT", WE SUGGEST "ECONOMIC COMPETITION", AS A MORE
PRECISE DESCRIPTION.

B. PARA 5E. ACCORDING TO INR'S REPORT ON THE GLOBAL

PRODUCT, TWO OF THE FIVE COUNTRIES REFERRED TO STILL HAVE PER CAPITA GNP'S ABOUT TEN PERCENT LOWER THAN THE U.S., THE THREE ABOVE THE U.S. ARE SWIZERLAND, SWEDEN AND WEST GERMANY.

C. PARA 7C. COMMENTS ON EFFECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION APPEAR TO US TO HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR DR-PUERTO RICO DIFFERENCES OVER MONA ISLAND DEEPWATER PORT, WITH PROSPECT THAT STATEMENT COULD BE USED BY DOMINICANS AGAINST PUERTO RICANS. WHILE RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING VALIDITY OF THIS STATEMENT, WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK SOME OTHER EXAMPLE WOULD BE PREFERABLE.

D. PARA 10. TO BE MORE POSITIVE, WE SUGGEST "USG OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN HAVE ALSO FOUND IT A CHALLENGE TO ADJUST TO THIS CHANGED WORLD SITUATION"

E. PARA 12. BELIEVE THIS SHOULD READ "OR WITH HIGH INTEREST RATES CAUSED IN PART BY."

F. PARA 14 SEEMS TO US A LITTLE VAGUE AND SUBJECT TO MISINTERPRETATION. IT SOUNDS AS IF YOU ARE ACCUSING SOMEONE, BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER IT IS THE EC OR LATIN AMERICA. WOULD "UNDERCUTTING THE MOVEMENT TOWARD INTERDEPENDENCE" BE UNIVERSALLY LOOKED UPON AS UNDESIRABLE, AND COULD SUCH A MOVE OCCUR REGARDLESS OF THE DECISIONS REACHED IN THE INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS? THE PARAGRAPH ITSELF INDICATES THAT SUCH AN EVENT IS UNLIKELY TO OCCUR, AND IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT THE INTENT THE AMBASSADOR MIGHT CONSIDER DELETING THIS PARAGRAPH.

2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT YOU SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR PARAGRAPHS 16 THROUGH 21. YOU WILL NOTE THAT MANY OF THE POINTS IN THE ORIGINAL VERSION REMAIN. QUOTE:

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16: THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE CERTAINLY EXPERIENCED THE IMPACT OF THIS NEW ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE. THEY HAVE ALWAYS, OF COURSE, BEEN RELATIVELY MORE DEPENDENT ON THE EXTERNAL ECONOMIC SITUATION THAN MOST DC'S, HAVING TO REACT TO FLUCTUATING COMMODITY PRICES, INCREASING COSTS OF INDUSTRIAL GOODS, AND TO THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF THE DC'S. BUT THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE NEW INTERDEPENDENCE - MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS, MASSIVE CAPITAL FLOWS - HAVE HAD A NEW IMPACT IN BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE WAYS. THE ECONOMIC BOOM BEING EXPERIENCED IN THE DEVELOPED WORLD HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AT LEAST IN PART. THE LDC'S

JUST AS THE DC'S HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO WORLD-WIDE INFLATIONARY PRESSURES AND TO THE NEED TO ADJUST TO CHANGING PATTERNS OF TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT.

17. THE UNDERDEVELOPED WORLD HAS REACTED TO THESE CHANGING ECONOMIC PRESSURES AMBIVALENTLY. ON THE ONE HAND, THE LDC'S HAVE COOPERATED IN THE EFFORT TO CREATE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC MECHANISMS TO MANAGE INTERDEPENDENCE AS POSITIVELY AS POSSIBLE, FOR EXAMPLE, BY PARTICIPATION IN THE GROUP OF TWENTY AND THE MTN. ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY HAVE MADE OCCASIONAL AND NOT UNNATURAL EFFORTS TO RESIST THE CHANGES BY STRIVING FOR UNREALISTIC

AND INEFFICIENT ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE THROUGH EXCESSIVE TARIFFS AND OVERLY STRICT CONTROLS ON MOVEMENTS OF CAPITAL. THERE ARE MANY UNDERSTANDABLE REASONS, HISTORICAL, ECONOMIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL, WHY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE ADOPTED THIS ATTITUDE. HOWEVER, THE TECHNIQUE OF CONFRONTATION AND UNREALISTIC DEMANDS MADE OCCASIONALLY BY THE LDC'S HAVE NOT FACILITATED THE PROCESS OF FINDING WAYS TO COOPERATE IN BUILDING IMPROVED WORLD ECONOMIC MECHANISMS.

"18. THE EFFORT TO FIND WAYS TO COOPERATE IN DEALING WITH THESE WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC CHANGES IS CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO BE EASY FOR ANY NATION OR GROUP OF NATIONS, AS AGRICULTURAL SHORTAGES, SCRAP SHORTAGES, AND THE ENERGY CRISIS, DEMONSTRATE. IT WILL BE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE LDCS. THEY MUST NOT HOLD BACK FROM PARTICIPATING FULLY AND IN A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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POSITIVE FASHION IN THE EFFORT TO CREATE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC MECHANISMS. IN MY VIEW, THOSE COUNTRIES, WHETHER DEVELOPED OR DEVELOPING, WHICH FAIL TO COME TO TERMS WITH THE REALITIES AND THE CHALLENGES OF A CHANGING ECONOMIC WORLD ARE LIKELY TO RECEIVE RELATIVELY LESS IN TERMS OF INCREASED ECONOMIC BENEFITS.

"19. TO BENEFIT FROM THIS PROCESS OF GROWING INTERDEPENDENCE, THE LDCS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, NEED TO (1) SEEK TO PARTICIPATE EVEN MORE ACTIVELY AND EFFECTIVELY IN THE EFFORTS TO CREATE NEW SYSTEMS FOR GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND MONETARY AFFAIRS; AND (2) ADJUST THEIR DOMESTIC ECONOMIES IN ORDER TO BE BETTER ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, THROUGH SUCH ACTIONS AS REDUCING OVERLY PROTECTIVE TARIFF STRUCTURES, BECOMING MORE EXPORT ORIENTED, FINDING WAYS TO BENEFIT FROM THE TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES OF THE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, AND BY ALLOWING THEIR POPULATIONS TO SHARE FULLY IN THE FRUITS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH. THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING MY OWN, MUST OF COURSE BE

PREPARED TO HELP WITH THIS ADJUSTMENT PROCESS, AND TO
RECOGNIZE THAT OUR ACTIONS SOMETIMES DESIGNED TO MEET
DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS HAVE EVEN GREATER IMPACTS ON FOREIGN
ECONOMIES.

"20. THESE ADJUSTMENTS WILL NOT BE EASY FOR EITHER OF US,
DCS AS WELL AS LDCS. BUT IN MY VIEW THEY ARE UNAVOIDABLE
IF THE DEVELOPING WORLD IS TO PROGRESS. THERE IS AMPLE
REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN PLAY
A FULLER AND MORE CREATIVE ROLE IN THE EFFORT TO DEAL WITH
WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE, ESPECIALLY THE LATIN AMER-
ICAN NATIONS. SECRETARY KISSINGER RECOGNIZED THIS . . ."
UNQUOTE. CONTINUE WITH PREVIOUS TEXT FROM THIS POINT. RUSH

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